தொழிற்சாலைகள் 5—8—1963 முதல் மூடப்பட்டதும், அதன் விளைவாக 10,000 தொழிலாளர்கள் வேலை இழந்தனரென்பதும் பற்றிய அவசரப் பொது முக்கியத்துவம் வாய்ந்த விஷயத்தைக் கனம் தொழில் அமைச்சர் கவனத்திற்குக் கொண்டு வருகிறேன்.

* THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir. The small match producers (C class factories) in the Sattur taluk in Ramanathapuram district represented to the Government *inter-alia* their difficulties in getting raw materials. In order to precisely know what their difficulties are, I requested some of these small match producers to meet me. Accordingly, they met me on 6th August 1963 and explained to me their difficulties. After hearing them, it was explained to them that the best way of solving their difficulties was for them to form themselves into a co-operative society which could obtain the raw materials, stock them and arrange for their equitable distribution and that the proposed society could also assist the members in marketing the matches. They have readily agreed to this proposition. The Director of Industries and Commerce has been requested to submit a scheme on these lines.

IV.—STATEMENT *re* ADMISSION TO EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS IN THE STATE.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now the Hon. the Minister for Finance will make a statement under Rule 82.

* THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Sir, The strength of classes in colleges and the sanction of additional strength in them are decided by the University of Madras. In view of the greater demand for admission this year, the University sanctioned on increase of nearly 5,000 seats in the P.U.C. Classes in all the colleges in the State as against the additional strength of about 3,000 permitted last year. In this is included the strength of 160 in the Government P.U.C. College for Women at Kumbakonam newly opened this year.

Regarding High Schools, the Government have so far sanctioned 184 new High Schools this year. Besides, 600 additional sections in existing High Schools have also been permitted. Instructions have been issued that admission should not be refused in High Schools for want of accommodation and the heads of schools have been allowed to admit pupils in excess of the permitted number and obtain the approval of the competent departmental authority subsequently. There may be some difficulties in accommodation, however, where parents desire to admit their children in particular institutions of their choice in certain cities like Madras and Madurai.

Regarding elementary schools, the entire State is now covered by compulsory elementary education. Every population centre with 300 or more inhabitants has been provided with an elementary

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school. The opening of higher elementary Standards of VI, VII and VIII is permitted wherever necessary. The Third Five-Year Plan includes a scheme for the opening of about 1,750 additional sections in Standards VI to VIII every year during the first three years of the Plan period.

II.—ANNOUNCEMENTS—*Cont.*

(2) NOMINATION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS TO THE COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: I have also to announce to the House that the Legislative Council has nominated the following five members to associate with the Committee on Estimates of the Legislative Assembly for the year 1963-64:—

1. Sri T. S. Arunachalam.
2. Sri K. Ramadass.
3. Sri V. M. Surendraram.
4. Sri K. Anbazhagan.
5. Sri S. K. Sambandan.

(3) NOMINATION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: I have further to announce that the Legislative Council has nominated the following five members to associate with the Committee on Public Accounts of the Legislative Assembly for the year 1963-64:—

1. Sri T. Joghee Gowder.
2. Sri A. Sambasiva Reddiar.
3. Sri K. Rajaram.
4. Sri K. Anbazhagan.
5. Dr. A. Chidambaranathan.

V.—GOVERNMENT BILLS.

(1) THE MADRAS CULTIVATING TENANTS PROTECTION AND PAYMENT OF FAIR RENT (EXTENSION TO ADDED TERRITORIES) BILL, 1963.

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH: Sir, I move—

"That leave be granted for the introduction of the Madras Cultivating Tenants Protection and Payment of Fair Rent (Extension to Added Territories) Bill, 1963."

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: The question is—

"That leave be granted for the introduction of the Madras Cultivating Tenants Protection and Payment of Fair Rent (Extension to Added Territories) Bill, 1963."

The motion was put and carried and leave was granted.